

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

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GENERAL ORDER

It has been the policy in this Division to allow attorneys to maintain their cellular phones and personal digital assistants (PDAs) while in the El Paso Federal Courthouse. However, a photograph taken during the trial of former Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean (EP-05-CR-856-KC) has recently surfaced. The United States Marshal has determined that the photograph was taken from the defense table nearest the interpreter's desk.

Due to this egregious breach of security and courthouse protocol, the Court finds that the following order should be entered:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the privilege of allowing attorneys to maintain custody of their cellular phones, or any other device capable of taking a photograph, while in the El Paso Federal Courthouse is **SUSPENDED** until further Order by the Court.


SIGNED this 17th day of January, 2007.



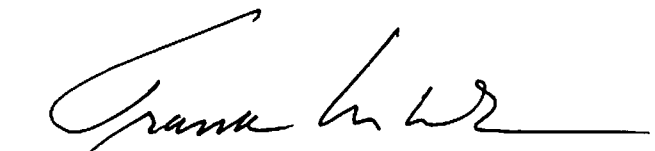
DAVID BRIONES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



PHILIP R. MARTINEZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



KATHLEEN CARDONE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



FRANK MONTALVO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE